

Elizabeth A. Dunbar House
1425 34th Street, N. W. (Georgetown)
Washington
District of Columbia

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ELIZABETH A. DUNBAR HOUSE

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Location: 1425 34th Street, N.W. (Georgetown)
Washington, DC

Present Owner
and Occupant: Mrs. Eva Robertson Hinton

Present Use: Residence

Date of Easement: September 20, 1976

Statement of
Significance: The Elizabeth A. Dunbar House, a townhouse located at 1425 34th Street, N.W., is an important element in the contiguous visual fabric of 34th Street. The simple drip board facade and Federal style ornament distinguish a well-preserved structure.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1849.
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners:

1795 Deed November 12, 1795, recorded February 8, 1976 in
Liber B folio 399
Robert Furgusson
to
Thomas Afflick of Georgetown for 500 pounds

1804 Deed December 30, 1804, recorded February 22, 1805 in
Liber M folio 44
John and Maria Davidson
to
John M. Beatty, Charles A. Beatty, and Thomas J. Beatty
(sons and heirs of Charles Beatty, deceased)

1805 Deed November 25, 1805, recorded April 16, 1806 in
Liber P folio 94
Charles A. Beatty et ux Eunice, John M. Beatty, et ux Letty

to
Benjamin Stoddert

1806 Deed July 19, 1806, recorded October 9, 1806 in
Liber Q folio 128
Benjamin Stoddert

to
Clement Smith

1823 Deed December 2, 1823, recorded May 28, 1824 in
Liber WB folio 478
Clement Smith

to
William King, Jr.

1832 Deed April 6, 1832, recorded December 5, 1832 in
Liber WB folio 44-19
John Dickson

to
William King

1848 Deed September 27, 1848, recorded March 8, 1849 in
Liber JAS folio 2-935
William King, et ux Christine
John Dickson, et ux Ann D.

Margaret C. Smith
to
Elizabeth Ann Dunbar

B. Sources of Information:

1. Primary and unpublished sources:

Office of the Recorder of Deeds, District of Columbia (Information also filed at the District of Columbia Public Library, Georgetown branch)

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The townhouse at 1425 34th Street, N.W., is a three bay, two story house which shares a wall with its neighbor at 1423 34th Street. A narrow passageway separates it from the house at 1427 34th Street. The most distinctive features of the house are the simple drip board facade and Federal style detail.
2. Condition of fabric: Excellent.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Wall construction: The street facade is covered with German or drip board, painted white. The side wall is covered with pale green asbestos shingles.

2. Chimneys: The chimney is concealed from street view.
3. Stairs: A brick and slate stair with wrought iron rail leads to the front door. The stairway has three steps with slate treads and brick risers.
4. Openings:
 - a. Doors and Doorways: The entry is located at the south bay. Fluted pilasters and five rectangular sidelights surround the door and support a semicircular ten light transom over a fanlight.
 - b. Windows and Shutters: Three windows are located at the second story and two windows are placed on the first story. Each is a double hung sash window with six-over-six lights topped by a window head with scotia and fascia. Dark green louvered shutters are held in place by wrought iron S hooks.
5. Roof: A flat roof is concealed from view.

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